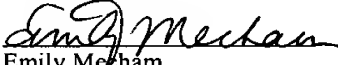


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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the August 4, 2003 Office Action where the Examiner rejected all of the claims. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. It is believed that no new matter has been added. Support for the amendments to the independent claims can be found in several places, including on page 10, lines 8-16, and Examples 1 and 2.